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DEVICE AND PICK-UP SYSTEM)	
USING THE PHOTOELECTRIC)	
CONVERSION DEVICE)	July 10, 2008

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

The Japanese documents are cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated May 20, 2008, in a counterpart Japanese patent application.

An explanation of relevance of the non-English documents may be found in the English abstracts attached thereto. Also, please note that JP 11-355668 is in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 7,116,365 B1; JP 11-284168 is in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 6,211,509 B1; and JP 2002-203954 is in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 6,433,374 B1.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

The required fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2) has been paid herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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